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SUBJ: EGYPT REQUEST FOR NEW EEC STATEMENT ON MIDDLE EAST

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1. RE PARA 3 REFTEL A, MFA'S PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY EIGIL JORGENSEN CONFIRMED TO ME APRIL 3 THAT EC FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL DISCUSS EGYPT'S REQUEST FOR A NEW EC STATEMENT ON THE MIDDLE EAST AT THEIR APRIL 4 EC FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG (PARA H REFTEL B).

2. JORGENSEN SAID THAT THE DANISH AMBASSADOR IN CAIRO HAD RECEIVED THIS REQUEST. THE DANISH AMBASSADOR'S INITIAL RESPONSE WAS THAT UNDER THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES SUCH A JOINT EC STATEMENT APPEARS TO BE UNTIMELY.

3. JORGENSEN SAID THE DANES STILL STICK TO THIS VIEW, BUT WILL
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SEE HOW DISCUSSIONS GO AT APRIL 4 FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING. THE FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL DECIDE HOW TO PRESENT THIS PROBLEM TO THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING IN COPENHAGEN APRIL 7-8. SOME MINISTERS MAY PUSH FOR A FORMAL JOINT STATEMENT BY CHIEFS OF GOVERNMENT. OTHERS PREFER THAT MENTION BE MADE IN THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE THAT THE SUBJECT OF MIDDLE EAST WAS DISCUSSED. JORGENSEN FELT THAT THE LATTER COURSE WOULD PROBABLY PREVAIL.

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